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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Larry M. Cirjak, Michael F. Lemanski, David R. Wagner, Nancy C. Benkalowycz, Patricia R. Blum, Marc A. Pepera and Christos Papparizos, as jointly named inventors, declare that our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our respective names, that we verily believe ourselves to be the original, first and true inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the invention entitled: FLUID BED PROCESS FOR THE ACETOXYLATION OF ETHYLENE IN THE PRODUCTION OF VINYL ACETATE; that this continuation-in-part application discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in earlier filed pending application, Serial No. 08/252,874 filed June 2, 1994; that, as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to said earlier application; that said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said application; and that no application for patent on said invention has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any foreign country, except as follows:

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That, as to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to

said application and that said subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any foreign country to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the date of this application.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified continuation-in-part application specification, including the claims.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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None

We hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application or PCT international application designating the United States of America that is listed hereinabove.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56 (a) and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that prior application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

And we hereby appoint Michael F. Esposito, Registration No. 29,506; Teresan W. Gilbert, Registration No. 31,360; Richard L. Hansen, Registration No. 27,338; Brian L. Mehosky, Registration No. 36,868; David J. Untener, Registration No. 27,963; and David P. Yusko, Registration No. 30,817, whose addresses are c/o BP America Inc., 200 Public Square, 39-G, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2375, principal attorneys with full power of substitution; revocation and addition, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to

transact all business in the Patent Office in connection therewith.

The undersigned petitioners declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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